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1. ROMANIAN-PAKISTANI ECONOMIC RELATIONS GOT OFF TO A HEADY START IN 1978 WITH TWO HIGH-LEVEL ROMANIAN DELEGATIONS VISITING PAKISTAN IN THE FIRST FEW WEEKS OF THE NEW YEAR. THE FIRST TO ARRIVE ON JANUARY 16 WAS A SIX-MEMBER DELEGATION HEADED BY DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, PAUL NICULESCU, WHOSE VISIT WAS CONNECTED PRIMARILY WITH THE INAUGURATION OF THE NATIONAL FUEL REFINERY IN KARACHI. THE PLANT, BUILT WITH ROMANIAN ASSISTANCE, HAS AN ANNUAL PRODUCTIVE CAPACITY OF 1.5 MILLION METRIC TONS OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS. DURING HIS VISIT, THE VICE PREMIER ALSO MET WITH CHIEF MARTIAL LAW ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL ZIA-UL-HAQ AND AGHA SHAHI, ADVISOR ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS. AT THE DEDICATION CEREMONIES, THE CMLA LAUDED ROMANIA'S ASSISTANCE IN BUILDING THE PLANT, WHICH HE CLAIMED WAS THE MOST MODERN IN THE WORLD, AND SAID HE LOOKED FORWARD TO INCREASED PAK-ROMAINIAN COLLABORATION IN OTHER FIELDS.
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2. THE SECOND ROMANIAN DELEGATION, WHICH ARRIVED SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE VICE PREMIER, WAS HEADED BY FINANCE MINISTER FLOREA DUMITRESCU. THE PURPOSE OF THIS TEN-MEMBER GROUP WAS TO ATTEND THE FOURTH SESSION OF THE PAK-ROMANIAN JOINT GOVERNMENTAL COMMISSION. DISCUSSIONS TOOK PLACE BETWEEN JANUARY 18-23, AND A PROTOCOL FOR

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1978-79 WAS SIGNED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE VISIT. THE PROTOCOL PROVIDES FOR INCREASED COOPERATION IN SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT. THE TWO COUNTRIES REVIEWED THE IMPLEMENTATION AND PROGRESS OF THE THIRD SESSION AND ALSO CONCLUDED AN AGREEMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A LONG-BRUITED CEMENT PLANT. THEY ALSO DISCUSSED ROMANIAN ASSISTANCE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ELECTRONICS, A HEAVY ELECTRICAL COMPLEX, SLAUGHTER HOUSES, A POULTRY COMPLEX, AND A SEED PRODUCTION FARM. THE DELEGATIONS VISIT AND THE SIGNING OF THE PROTOCOL WERE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AGREEMENT ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION CONCLUDED IN OCTOBER 1973. WITH REGARD TO THE CEMENT PLANT, IT WAS AGREED THAT PAKISTAN WOULD SEND A DELEGATION TO ROMANIA IN FEBRUARY TO FINALIZE THE ARRANGEMENTS.

3. COMMENT: ON THE WHOLE WE VIEW THE VICE PREMIER'S VISIT AS BASICALLY A GOODWILL MISSION. THE JOINT COMMISSION DELEGATION REVIEWED SEVERAL ONGOING PROPOSALS BUT DID NOT INITIATE ANY SIGNIFICANT NEW VENTURES. THE ROMANIAN EMBASSY TELLS US THAT THE TRADE DELEGATION WAS SCHEDULED TO VISIT PAKISTAN IN THE SUMMER OF 1977 BUT THAT THE POLITICAL SITUATION HERE FORCED THEM TO POSTPONE THEIR VISIT UNTIL THIS YEAR. SINCE THE 1973 PROTOCOL CALLS FOR YEARLY MEETINGS, THE TWO COUNTRIES AGREED THAT THERE WOULD BE A FIFTH SESSION OF THE JOINT COMMISSION
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LATER IN 1978 IN BUCHAREST SO THAT THE SCHEDULE OF ALTERNATING LOCATIONS AND ANNUAL MEETINGS WOULD NOT BE DISRUPTED. HUMMEL

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